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SUBJECT: TURKISH TROOP WITHDRAWALS FROM CYPRUS

1. THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF THE
TURKISH GENERAL STAFF ANNOUNCED SEPTEMBER 17 THAT AN "ADDITIONAL
PORTION" OF THE TURKISH FORCES ASSIGNED TO THE TURKISH COMMAND
IN CYPRUS HAD COMPLETED ITS ASSIGNMENT AND WOULD BE RETURNING
TO TURKEY. THE ANNOUNCEMENT DID NOT INDICATE HOW MANY TROOPS
ARE INVOLVED OR WHETHER THIS ACTION REPRESENTS A NET REDUCTION
OF TURKISH FORCES IN CYPRUS OR A ROTATION OF UNITS.

2. TURKISH NEWSPAPERS SEPTEMBER 18 CARRY AN ASSOCIATED PRESS
REPORT THAT THE NUMBER OF TROOPS TO BE WITHDRAWN IS 5000. THE
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APPARENT ASSUMPTION OF MOST PRESS ACCOUNTS IS THAT THE ANNOUNCED

WITHDRAWAL REPRESENTS A NET REDUCTION OF TURKISH FORCES IN CYPRUS. MILLIHET QUOTES DIPLOMATIC SOURCES AS SAYING THE ANNOUNCED WITHDRAWAL IS EXPECTED TO HAVE A POSITIVE EFFECT ON "THE TALKS" (PRESUMABLY CYPRUS INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS).

3. WE ARE SEEKING FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ANNOUNCED WITHDRAWAL.
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